

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 25, 2002**

Members Present: Dr. Michel Sucher, Sgt. Rich Thacher, Dan Judkins, Mark Tellier, Dr. Steve Thompson, Sheri Farr Jorden, Roy L. Ryals, Ingrid Bachtel, Dr. Stuart Alt, Jim Morgan, Dr. Scott Petersen, and Shelagh O'Connor.

Members Absent: Dr. Michael Seby, Dr. Charles Allen, Nancy Shaver, and Dr. John Porter.

Guests Present: Rose Conner, Holly Gibeaut, Heidi Campas, Kayla Omeara, Dr. David Bank, Rookie Stevens, Philomene Spadafore, Tracey Edwards, Melinda Case, and Mark Venuti.

BEMS Staff Present: Dr. Judi Crume, Pennie Klein, Donna Meyer, Susan Nicolas, Dona Markley, Woody Smith, Betty Yunick, Larry Heidenberg, and Ramona Cajero.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The chairman, Dr. Sucher, called a regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Alt, seconded by Sheri Farr-Jorden to accept the agenda and the minutes with two corrections: Page 1 Ingrid Bachtel should be listed under present not absent and on page 2, IV. A. Ingrid Bautel should read Bachtel.

Motion carried.

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Catherine Eden, Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, addressed the Board.

- The Director restated the Department's position as the lead agency for leadership of the Arizona EMS and Trauma System. It will be accomplished through the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Trauma Injury Prevention Unit.
- The Legislature has no funding source for additional trauma system funding this year.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Membership Update – Dr. Sucher introduced the Bureau's new Enforcement Program Administrator, Larry L. Heidenberg, MPH, NREMT-P to the board.

Dr. Sucher reported that there are three vacancies on the advisory board:

- Representative from National Association of Retired Persons
- Representative from Local Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordinating Councils – Central Region
- Representative from Local Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordinating Councils – Western Region

Please send any recommendations to Dr. Sucher or Dr. Crume.

- B. Bylaws Review of STAB, AZTQ, Executive Committee** – We are in the process of reviewing the Bylaws for the statutory and the standing committees. Recommended having the STAB Executive Committee review the Bylaws and report back at the next STAB meeting. The members include Dr. Petersen, Dr. Porter and Roy Ryals.

Follow Up:	Bylaws Review
Delegated to:	STAB Executive Committee
When:	Within 30 days – May 25, 2002

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. STAB Executive Committee** – The STAB Executive Committee did not meet.
B. AZTQ Committee – AZTQ did not have a quorum at its last meeting. Therefore no report was available.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Arizona EMS and Trauma System Development Update** – (See handout) “Arizona EMS and Trauma System Development and Implementation ADHS-BEMS Status Report to STAB 4-25-02”.

EMS is involved with bioterrorism hospital planning and development. The existing EMS and Trauma System structure (state and regional councils) were used. The hospital preparedness piece was overlayed on top of the existing structure. This allowed the planning and development to be done by regional planning committees. The natural progression was to put EMS at the table for hospital preparedness.

Plan Review - documents distributed at the meeting:

- Compendium of Reviewers’ Comments on the 2002 – 2005 Arizona EMS and Trauma System Plan
- 2002 – 2005 Arizona EMS and Trauma System 3/02 Plan Feedback and Actions Summary which is in landscape form

We have hired an Injury Prevention Specialist. This person should come on board within 2 to 3 weeks. The position will work as part of the Trauma and Injury Prevention Unit Team.

In the 2002-2005 Arizona EMS and Trauma System 3/02 Plan Feedback and Actions Summary, if it has TACTIC listed in the Items/Goals/Objectives column then this item will actually be used as a piece of work for the next year. These tactics are allowing all of us to begin to implement the plan in this state.

The regional planning process is moving forward. We have provided regional councils with a template formed from the elements of a comprehensive system for the regions’ use in getting information from prehospital agencies, hospitals, and dispatch centers.

- C. Discussion on STAB's Ongoing Role After Plan is Established – A**
recommendation was made that we utilize the STAB Executive Committee to explore this question. Catherine Eden presented her plan at the last meeting. The statute states that STAB is to help develop the plan, which is in a development stage right now. We need to go forward and implement tactics with STAB being part of the process. STAB needs to ask itself the question, what do you as a body see your function as? What is the role for STAB as an advisory council? Do we need to adjust the legislation? There are no preconceived notions regarding STAB's existence.

Trauma needs to be added to the regionalization process. Discussion ensued about ways to regionalize trauma planning. The focus on quality of care for the patient must be maintained. It was recommended starting with the system quality piece. There needs to be a balance point between the state and regional councils. The role of STAB in oversight of trauma in regional systems should be answered.

A recommendation was made to possibly use the Trauma Agenda for the Future as a type of framework. A recommendation was made to get feedback from the regional councils and discuss at the next STAB meeting.

Follow Up:	STAB Executive Committee
What:	Discussion on STAB's Ongoing Role After Plan is Established
When:	Next Meeting

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Change meeting date from June 20th to June 18th -** Discussion ensued on a date that most members would be able to attend for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Alt, seconded by Dr. Petersen to change the date of the next meeting to Monday, June 17th at 9:00 a.m.
Motion carried.

- B. Grants Within the Bureau Relevant to Trauma**
1. HRSA Grant

The hospital preparedness grant is a HRSA Grant for approximately 2.1 million dollars. We are proceeding with the HRSA Grant along with the CDC grant. EMS is very much at the table in the planning, development, creating the systems and the infrastructure for biohospital preparedness as well as the EMS trauma systems development.

Every state is doing their planning for the HRSA grant in different ways. We chose to develop four regional plans that would then roll up into a full state plan. We received information from HRSA that Arizona was the only state that has put an accepted and completed plan in on time. HRSA is reviewing our application this week.

The current regional profile development is part of the EMS Trauma System Comprehensive Development Grant. The grant was for a total of \$40,000 which was primarily allocated to the regions.

2. 2002-03 Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Partnership Grant

A unified state direction in utilizing the EMSC partnership grant money was developed. After reviewing the goals and objectives of the 2002 – 2005 plan it was decided that an EMS Peds educational component was the most doable at this time. A joint BEMS, Arizona pediatrics community and Steering Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics project to develop a distance learning module for the prehospital pediatric education course, PEPP, is planned. The plan is to use a scientific model to look at learning retention by Paramedics using the telemedicine format versus the standard process (2 days courses) that we have been doing. We are in the process of writing a detailed plan for the next several years.

3. Trauma Registry

Pennie Klein reported that the Hospital Trauma Registry Software is completed. Pennie will work with the vendor if anyone has any problems with the software. Please let Pennie know when the problems are fixed.

Pennie presented the Final Draft of the AZTQ Working Group Trauma Registry Data Elements/Definitions Summary dated March 20, 2002. A next step could be to do a comparative analysis with other states, so that we are sure we are not missing any data elements.

Dan Judkins supports the final draft of Data Elements from the AZTQ Committee with one exception - to delete organ donor.

Follow Up:	Agenda Action Item
When:	Next STAB Meeting – June 17th
What:	Final Draft of the AZTQ Working Group Trauma Registry Data Elements/Definitions Summary Dated March 20, 2002

Send any recommendations on data elements to Dr. Porter or the Bureau and we will forward to Dr. Porter.

C. Funding Mechanisms for Trauma – Mark Tellier presented information on a Tucson project to provide funding for Trauma Care. It involved the following other ways to find funding:

- HealthSouth spearheading a major fundraising effort
- Formation of Strategic Alliance (501c3)
- Allows vendors to pay the entity fee

Discussion ensued regarding Tucson's dilemma in funding trauma centers. A recommendation was made to put together a Task Force to find out if there is a need for this self-funding mechanism.

- D. Formally Welcome Dr. Sucher** – The board formally welcomed Dr. Sucher as Acting Medical Director for the Bureau. The board asked if there was going to be a search process for the permanent Medical Director and expressed that they would like to be involved.

When the time comes to open up the process of finding a Medical Director the community will be involved in the final decision. The Director has appointed Dr. Sucher in the role of Acting Medical Director until such time that the Director makes a decision to open the process for formal designation of the Medical Director.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Melinda Case commented on:

- Trauma centers desperately needing the money and looking for other options is a great idea.
- This board has been a very valuable part of developing a trauma system in this state and if it moves to the regional level, we may not be able to give feedback.

A motion was made to send a congratulatory letter to Dr. Carmona. Since business can't be conducted under Call to the Public, the motion was considered a recommendation to the Bureau.

IX. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 13th Annual - Southwest Regional Conference is going to be moved to the Tucson Conference Center on September 26 & 27th.
- AEMS 2nd Annual EMS Odyssey will held June 13th and 14th at the Embassy Suites.
- The Fast and The Feisty on June 6th (Pediatric and Geriatrics) Trauma Conference at the Tucson Hilton East Hotel. The fee is \$30.00.
- The surgeon general nominee is having a meeting tomorrow at noon in Tucson with respect to the formation of Arizona's first disaster medical assistance team (DMAT Hospital).
- The US General Accounting Office has picked six cities to review diversion. They will be coming to Phoenix in May. Site visits have been set up at Desert Samaritan, Maryvale, St. Joseph's and Maricopa Medical Center. They also want to meet with the CEO's at the hospital association and the general EMS community.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held June 17, 2002.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Approved by STAB on 6/17/02